

FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,  
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS NOT FROM  
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD.  
*EPH 2:8-9*



**August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**



**Be Strong in the Lord**

**CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH & LEARNING CENTER**

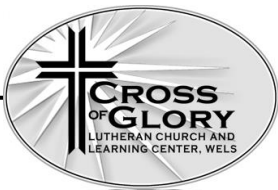
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**Welcome!** We are glad you are here with us today. Our service today follows an order of worship which places the spotlight on God's Word and its central message of peace through Jesus. You can follow the outline of the service in this worship folder. The hymn numbers refer to the red hymnal: Christian Worship (CW) or the blue hymnal: Christian Worship Supplement (CWS).

**Holy Communion:** We offer classes (Basic Bible Christianity) for those desiring to take the sacrament. If you are a newcomer, please take these classes before communing or speak with our pastor.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE: WORD & SACRAMENT

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**HYMN.....Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray (CW #472)**

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

- C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen.

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## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*KYRIE*)

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise

## O LORD, OUR LORD

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O Lord, our Lord, how glo rious is your name in all the earth. Al might y

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God, mer ci ful Fa ther, you crown our life with\_ your

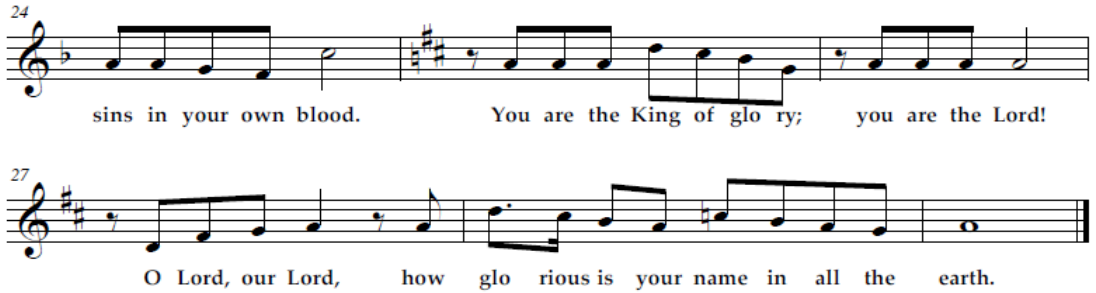
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love. You take a way our sin; you com fort our spir it; you make us pure

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and ho ly in your sight.— You did not spare your on ly Son, but gave him up

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for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glo rious is your name in all the earth.

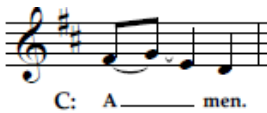
19  
— O Son of God, e ter nal Word of the Fa ther, you came to live with

22  
us; you made your Fa ther known; you washed us from our



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

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# THE WORD OF GOD

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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### FIRST LESSON.....Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 6-8

*Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you.<sup>2</sup> Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.<sup>6</sup> Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people."<sup>7</sup> What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him?<sup>8</sup> And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?<sup>9</sup> Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.*

PSALM OF THE DAY.....Psalm 119c



- M:** Oh, how I 'love your law! \*
- C:** I meditate on it 'all day long.
- M:** I have more insight than all my 'teachers, \*
- C:** for I meditate on your 'statutes.
- M:** I have more understanding than the 'elders, \*
- C:** for I obey your 'precepts.

**Refrain**

- M:** I have kept my feet from every 'evil path \*
- C:** so that I might o'bey your Word.
- M:** I have not departed 'from your laws, \*
- C:** for you yourself have 'taught me.
- M:** How sweet are your words 'to my taste, \*
- C:** sweeter than honey 'to my mouth!
- C:** Glory be to the Father and 'to the Son \*
- and to the Holy 'Spirit,
- as it was in the be'ginning, \*
- is now, and will be forever. 'Amen.

**Refrain**

## SECOND LESSON.....Ephesians 6:10-20

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.<sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,<sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.<sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.<sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,<sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.*

### THE VERSE OF THE DAY

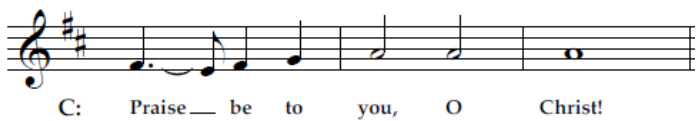


## GOSPEL.....Mark 7:1-8; 14-15; 21-23

*The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and<sup>2</sup> saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed.<sup>3</sup> (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.<sup>4</sup> When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions,*

such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)<sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"<sup>6</sup> He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."<sup>7</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."<sup>8</sup> You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."<sup>14</sup> Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this.<sup>15</sup> Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'"<sup>21</sup> For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery,<sup>22</sup> greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.<sup>23</sup> All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**HYMN OF THE DAY.....Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Emply You (CW #455)**

**SERMON.....Ephesians 5:10-20**

*“Be Strong in the Lord”*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: NICENE CREED**

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.



**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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## **THANKSGIVING AND PRAYER**

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### **OFFERING**

*The members of Cross of Glory are happy to support its ministry with their financial gifts. If you are visiting us today, do not feel obligated to give an offering.*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

- M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- C:** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**
- M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C:** Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## THE SACRAMENT

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**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And al so with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.



**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*SANCTUS*)

C: Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole

earth is full of your glo ry. You are my God and

I will ex alt you. I will give you thanks for you have be come my sal

va tion. Ho ly, ho ly, ho ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole

earth is full of your glo ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

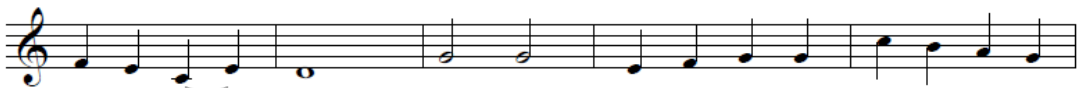
## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*AGNUS DEI*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have mer cy on—



us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world; have



mer cy on— us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

## DISTRIBUTION (Hymn: 312 – Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared)

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## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

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**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



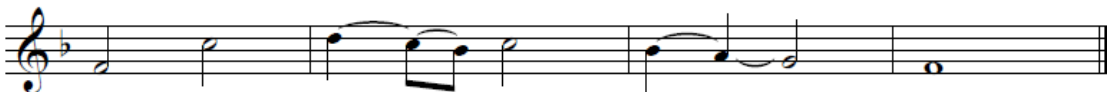
C: A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



C: A men. A \_\_\_\_\_ men. A \_\_\_\_\_ men.

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**CLOSING HYMN.....What a Friend We Have in Jesus (CW #411)**

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# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEASURE OF LOVE**

Last Sunday's Worship Attendance: 31.

Offerings to the Lord: General Fund Offerings: \$1447.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

Sunday (9/6):                      10:30 a.m.      Worship with Communion

## **KICKOFF SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 13TH**



The fall season of Sunday School, Bible Study, and worship at Cross of Glory will be kicking off on Sunday, September 13th. Following worship, there will be time for some fellowship with an ice cream social.

\* Our Growing in Christ Sunday School is a great opportunity for children all ages to hear God's Word in a fun and interactive learning environment.

\* Our adult Bible study session will begin with a series based on the book "Rainbow Savior." We'll look at what the Scriptures say on a range of topics concerning homosexuality—from reaching loved ones struggling to interacting with a world embracing it as an acceptable alternative lifestyle.

**SAVE THE DATE!**



***Fall Festival***  
**Sun. November 1**  
**Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

***Free - Food - Games***  
***Open to the Public***